



Dear Parents and Carers

19 June 2019

It has been a very busy week with Year 11s finishing their exams, Year 10s starting theirs, some Year 6s coming in for transition activities and Years 1-5 coming for sporting activities. As GCSEs finish I would like to take this opportunity one last time to praise our leavers for their outstanding behaviour during the exam season and wish them all the best for the future. I know their hard work and the hard work of their staff and parents and carers will ensure that they achieve the results they deserve in August.

Year 6 students have already started coming in for some enhanced transition activities and I cannot wait to meet all of our new Year 7s next Thursday. It is always my favourite day of the year, although this year it is going to feel a bit different as we are welcoming so many of them in our first oversubscribed year in over a decade. It will feel special.

I would like to thank, this week, the parents and carers who attended our forum last week. This event takes place twice a year and is a genuine opportunity for us to discuss in a very open forum what it feels like to be a parent/carer at Birkdale High and how we can improve that experience. They are very supportive meetings but with very honest feedback that we genuinely take back into school to help us plan our provision. This week we had a very informative presentation from Mr Pryor on safeguarding issues for young people in the local area and we also discussed proposals regarding the timetable for next year and use of mobile phones in school. I will write to all parents later on in the week with our intentions.

AWARDS EVENING – THURSDAY 4 JULY 2019

We are holding our Awards Evening on Thursday 4 July 2019 starting at 7.00pm. If your son has been nominated for an award, he will bring an invitation home with him next Wednesday. Our guest speaker will be Miles Goodall, musician and former pupil who will also perform on the night.

MFL SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to the following boys who are in the semi-final for the MFL Spelling Bee competition! Miss Preston

French

Adnan Monzu, Xabi Arthur, Alfie Greenwood, Lucas Wildish, Oliver Farnhill, Reuben Green, Steven Snow, Daniel Lee, Lucas Tessier and Oliver Stanyer-Jones

Spanish

Alfie Greenwood, Jack Draper, Harry Furnivall, Dan Hodge, Fintan Ball, Daniel Lee, Oliver Quirke, Luke Brown, Oliver Stanyer-Jones and Charlie Hudson

YEAR 7 CHARITY

In the Year 7 assembly last Monday we were privileged to have visitors from Queenscourt Hospice. Rachel Kennedy and 'Queenie' were here to receive a cheque for £741 pounds raised by Year 7 over the last 6 weeks or so. This was a great achievement in such a short space of time, a real team effort. The money will be used to support the local charity which provides an amazing service.

Mr Carter



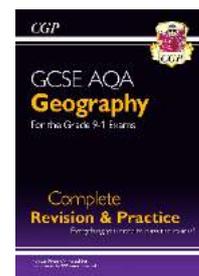
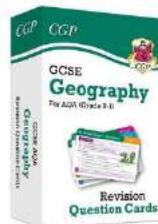
GCSE GEOGRAPHY REVISION GUIDES AND REVISION QUESTION CARDS

GCSE Geography Revision Guides and Revision Question Cards are available to purchase from school via Parent Pay.

Mrs Jackson

Complete Revision and Practice with online edition = £6.50 (RRP £10.99)

Revision Question Cards = £5 (RRP £7.49)



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YEAR 9 – PANNA COTTA

Photos of panna cotta made by my Year 9 class.

Mr Ascough



FREE TRIP TO THE FIRST WORLD WAR BATTLEFIELDS AUTUMN 2019

How to qualify:

- You have to be **currently** in Year 8
- You **MUST** have opted to study GCSE History next year
- You must be available from **Sunday 29th September until Wednesday 2nd October** 2019
- You must have 95% attendance and 97% punctuality, with more merits than sanctions and no serious behaviour incidents by 3rd July 2019
- Have a passport which is dated at least until March 2020
- Sorry, you can't have taken part in this trip previously.

I am delighted to say that the First World War Centenary Battlefields Programme has secured extra funding. This means I am now **able to take 4 students** on this tour to France and Belgium. The focus has altered to the armistice and subsequent peace settlements. This is NOT a holiday but a unique learning experience.

If you would like to be considered I would like you to write a poem or a letter stating:

- why you think it is important the First World War is remembered
- how you think we should continue to remember it
- What it means to you.

Part of the project also means that you have to find a way of sharing your battlefield experience with as many other people as possible when you get back. **You also need to tell me how you would do this.**

All applications to Miss Bailey [jbailey@birkdalehigh.co.uk] by email or on paper by Wednesday 3rd 3:10pm

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THE GREEN MACHINE



Usually, at our meetings, the boys enjoy whatever cakes or biscuits I find on special offer, but at our *next* meeting, we will be tucking into some luxurious HARRODS CHOCOLATES AND BISCUITS! This is because, at our fortnightly meetings, we discuss a green item from the news. On 29th April, we talked about the vast number of discarded plastic bottles during the London Marathon and the alternatives e.g. the Ooho capsules, which can be swallowed, leaving no waste. The boys were intrigued and wanted to try one. I was unable to find any locally, so asked Harrods if they would like to donate some so that the group could try them. They sent a really nice message, saying that unfortunately they could not source them at the moment. They enjoyed hearing about what the Green Machine does in the school and as a gesture of their gratitude, they would like to send chocolates and biscuits for the Green Machine to enjoy! A big thank you to Harrods!



To Mrs Bradley & The Green Machine Team, ##We have heard about The Green Machine and all your wonderful efforts to help take care of the environment. ##We wanted to say thank you! ##Kindest regards, #Eman #Harrods Customer Service

As well as hearing from Harrods, our meeting was good, as new member, Dudley Topping, did a little presentation about solar powered vehicles. The group was upset to see our Year 11 members leaving, but it looks as if we are still going to thrive!

We only had ONE person entering the Green Machine Scavenger Hunt and it looks as if we're having a similar response to the Rap Competition! The deadline is Friday, 28th June, so please enter soon individually, in pairs or in small groups. Further details attached.

Mrs Bradley

Yours faithfully

Mr G Bourgade
Headteacher

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THE WEEK IN TWEETS

Birkdale High Maths
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My year 8 class @BirkdaleHS taking part in the #CalculatorCrunch - so much fun!!!



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Mr Crossfields year 8 class @BirkdaleHS taking part in the #CalculatorCrunch - great work boys!!!



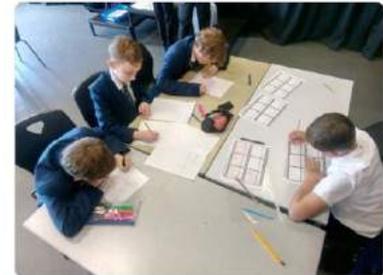
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@BirkdaleMaths

Year 8 @BirkdaleHS taking part in day 6 of the #calculatorcrunch - some very proud faces when the challenge was complete!!!



Helen Jeffery
@hjeffery

Year 8 drama boys working together to script, storyboard and create SFX cue sheets for their Melodrama project @BirkdaleHS @BirkdaleHS_Dram



MissKellyEnglish
@miskellyeng

Congratulations to Ben Selby in 8HJJ who has been rewarded with a certificate for being a superstar reader @BirkdaleHS



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Some more superstar readers from 75JH. Lucas Tessier, Ethan Tipping, Owen McCarter, Isaac De'Ath, Harry Walker and Charlie Hudson. Well done gentlemen @BirkdaleHS @BirkdaleHS_Eng



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@BirkdaleHS year 7 handing over their charity money to @QCHospice thank you to all those that supported this amazing local charity #nicetogive



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Y7s investigating and experimenting at Manchester Museum of Science and Industry



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We have several teaching positions advertised this week. Follow the link if you are interested:
birkdalehigh.co.uk/about/vacancie...

BirkdaleHS PE
@BirkdaleHS_PE

@BirkdaleHS_PE hosting Southport Primary Dodgeball Competition #dodgeball #leadership #imeanitonlydodgeballright



Our Lady of Lourdes
@olourdes

A super morning of dodgeball at @BirkdaleHS! Our Year 2 team were champions and Year 4 team finished 2nd 🏆 Well done everyone!



New Woods Primary
@newwoods

The sun shone on KS2 Sports day, 2019 🌞 Thanks to the brilliant Sports Leaders from @greenbanks and @BirkdaleHS. Organised, dedicated and so encouraging to our pupils 🙌 you were a credit to your schools 🙌



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Thank you to all the parents who came in tonight for our bi annual Parents and Carers Evening. Thank you for your comments, views and suggestions on how we can continue to improve the experience we offer you and your sons

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Birkdale High Art
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Two lovely finished pieces from Year 10 boys Marley Kenny and Ewan Kite.



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@nickibee

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@greenbankhs @BirkdaleHS @FrjsJun My last little one leaves today, I cannot thank the schools they have attended enough for all their support and guidance, so Thankyou to every member of staff who has contributed @Freyamaelouise1 @Toddface @itzxtubbz



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Today is the very last GCSE examination session for our Year 11 leavers. Enjoy a well earned rest after all your hard work, you have been brilliant throughout. Good luck for the future and see you in August 🙌🙌🙌

11:04 PM - 17 Jun 2019

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Another successful and enjoyable night at Spanish Family Learning! #quebien



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GCSE Statistics revision breakfast for Year 10. Last exam this morning. Good luck boys!



EliteSchools
@EliteSchools1

Drop in session tomorrow 6pm at Merseyrail Community Stadium, Haig Av. Any interested 16-18 year olds come along for more information.

Southport Football Club @southport_fc
We're delighted to announce a new partnership with @EliteSchools1 for our U18s.
southportfc.net/news-southport...

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It was an absolute privilege to watch Birkdale boys Sam Bellamy, Lucas Goodman and Sam Wright in their incredible production of the Little Mermaid at the Atkinson tonight. Well done all 🙌🙌🙌

Helen J Guest
@hjacounting

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and so Thomas Guest has left the prov building as is now a school leaver. Many thanks to @FrjsJun, @frisinf and especially @BirkdaleHS for all the help and excellent teaching over the years.

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Southport Schools Athletics Championships 2019

Last week, approximately seventy of our boys from Years 7 to 10 took part in an annual Southport Schools Boys Athletics Tournament, hosted by ourselves at Litherland Park.



The tournament, involved teams from Birkdale, Meols Cop, Christ The King, Formby, Range and Stanley. All of our boys were a credit to the school and performed brilliantly to win two of the four team events in the Year 7 and Year 8 competitions. Our Year 10 team finished second and our Year 9 team finished in fifth

place. The final positions for the four year group competitions are shown in the tables below.

Southport Schools Athletics Championship Litherland Sports Park - 10th June 2019		
Year 7 Final Positions		
1st	Birkdale	51
2nd	Formby	49
3rd	Meols Cop	43
4th	Range	42
5th	Stanley	36
6th	Christ The King	32

Southport Schools Athletics Championship Litherland Sports Park - 10th June 2019		
Year 8 Final Positions		
1st	Birkdale	52
2nd	Stanley	43
3rd=	Christ The King	42
3rd=	Formby	42
5th	Range	40
6th	Meols Cop	34

Southport Schools Athletics Championship Litherland Sports Park - 10th June 2019		
Year 9 Final Positions		
1st	Formby	58
2nd	Christ The King	49
3rd	Meols Cop	39
4th	Range	38
5th	Birkdale	35
6th	Stanley	32

Southport Schools Athletics Championship Litherland Sports Park - 10th June 2019		
Year 10 Final Positions		
1st	Range	61
2nd	Birkdale	53
3rd	Christ the King	47
4th	Stanley	44
5th	Meols Cop	32
6th	Formby	0

When all the scores were combined, our overall team won by a convincing ten point margin to become Southport Champions for the fifth year in a row. The table below shows the final school positions.

Southport Schools Athletics Championship Litherland Sports Park - 10th June 2019		
Overall Final Positions		
1st	Birkdale	191
2nd	Range	181
3rd	Christ The King	170
4th	Stanley	155
5th	Formby	149
6th	Meols Cop	148

Congratulations to all our athletes and sports leaders who took part and well done to the boys listed below who became individual Southport Schools Champions in their respective events.

Year 7 Southport Champions

- Sean Donovan – 100m
- Nikolai Pitera – Javelin

- Sean Donovan, Niall Fitzgerald, Martyn Melyov & Jack Draper - 4 x 100m Relay

Year 8 Southport Champions

- Ivo Melyov – 100m
- Tyler Halliday-Hawkes - 1500m
- Sam Cockwill – Shot Putt

Year 10 Southport Champions

- Fraser Cooke – 1500m
- Josh Brito – Javelin



The Division One Sefton Athletics Champions is our next big competition and is scheduled to take place on Monday 24th June at Robin Park in Wigan.

Well done boys!

Mr. Quirk

RAP BATTLE!



- Come up with a completely original rap
- About any green issue or recycling
- Enter on your own, with a friend or small group
- Email it to the "Green Machine" folder in the Student Shared Area
- Closing date Friday, 28th June
- Mr. Waring will judge them
- Prizes for the best!

If there are several really good entries, there will be a chance to hear them one lunch time.